

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW BIRD OF THE GENUS DENDRORNIS.

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The specimen here described was sent to the U. S. National Museum several years ago by Mr. Frank B. Armstrong, who collected it at Alta Mira, Mexico. Over twenty skins of *Dendrornis flavigaster*, obtained at the same place, were also received, but none of them shows any approach to this apparently new species. It is in general similar to *D. flavigaster*, but differs in having the throat and malar patch streaked instead of uniform buff; these markings, as well as those of the remainder of the underparts, being for the most part dentate, rather than oblong; the under wing coverts are variegated, not uniform. That these characters are not those of an immature stage of *D. flavigaster* is shown by several young examples of the latter collected in Mexico by Mr. E. W. Nelson (Biological Survey collection), in which the pattern of coloration is similar to that of the adults.

The new species may be described as

DENDRORNIS STRIATIGULARIS, new species.

Type.—Cat. No. 135157, U.S.N.M.; female adult, Alta Mira, Tamaulipas, Mexico, November 18, 1894; Frank B. Armstrong, collector.

Top of head and nape dull black, each feather with a prominent elongated buff shaft spot; lores buff; sides of head dusky, streaked with buff; chin buff; rest of under parts, including under tail-coverts, hair-brown, the feathers with long (mainly dentate) buff shaft-markings, bordered with dusky black, most numerous on the throat and breast, and almost obsolete on the flanks and abdomen. Back bistre, broadly streaked with buff, the markings edged with dusky black; rump russet; upper tail-coverts burnt umber, the lateral feathers with buffy shaft-lines. Tail burnt umber; wings burnt umber, paler on the under surface, and terminal portion of inner webs of first five primaries dusky. Lesser wing-coverts russet, with narrow paler shaft-lines;

middle coverts bistre, with black-bordered buffy shaft-markings; greater coverts exteriorly bistre, becoming burnt umber over the tertiaries, with more or less concealed buffy shaft-lines, bordered on the outer webs with blackish; primary coverts bistre; edge of wing narrowly marked with buff and black; under wing-coverts (exteriorly) bistre, varied with buff and dusky black; inwardly russet.

Dimensions.—Wing, 4.15 inches; tail, 3.41 inches; tarsus, 0.90 inches; culmen, 1.50 inches.